

Israel reviews Lebanon policy in attempt to cut casualty list

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

A sweeping review of Israel's security policy in southern Lebanon is being conducted by military chiefs and new proposals aimed at cutting down the continuing high rate of Israeli casualties are due to be presented to the government for approval early next year.

Lieutenant General Moshe Levy, the Chief of Staff, claimed yesterday that the continuing presence in southern Lebanon remained vital for the security of Israel's northern border.

He confirmed that a key aspect of the review remained the policy of maintaining open bridges along the Awali River, now Israel's front line. There is strong pressure inside the army for the bridges to be shut to reduce the flow of explosives used for ambushes, but that would lead to the virtual partition of Lebanon.

Arafat to convene Fatah talks in Tunis

Tunis (AFP) - Mr Yasser Arafat is expected here tonight to convene a meeting of the leadership of Fatah, the divided Palestinian Liberation Organization's leading component.

Beirut tries to save fragile truce

Beirut (Reuters) - A fragile truce between the Lebanese Army and Shia militiamen held for the second day yesterday as a special security committee met in an effort to devise a lasting peace.

Mr Arafat's meeting with President Mubarak has been widely criticized within the PLO, which strongly condemned the Egyptian peace agreement with Israel and subsequently refused contacts with Cairo.

Assad fear allayed by editor

Paris (NYT) - A French magazine editor, who interviewed President Hafez al-Assad of Syria last week said the President had told him he was convalescing but had not specified the nature of his illness.

Freed Zimbabwe officers on their way home

The last three Zimbabwean Air Force officers of the group detained over aircraft sabotage are due to fly out of here tonight on one-way tickets.

Grenada visit seen as Strauss manoeuvre

Among the many diplomatic and political coups of Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the ambitious Prime Minister of Bavaria, his unexpected visit to Grenada must count as one of his cleverest attempts to influence German foreign policy while increasing his party's weight in the Bonn coalition and his own visibility on the world stage.



All in favour: Members of the Politburo voting during a meeting of the Supreme Soviet (front left to right): Andrei Gromyko, Konstantin Chernenko, Nikolai Tikhonov; (second row): Grigory Romanov, Viktor Grishin, Mikhail Gorbachev; (third row): Boris Ponomarev (candidate member), Dinmukhamed Kunayev, Mikhail Solomentsev, and three unnamed in the back row, one with voting rights.

Symbols of continuity at Supreme Soviet

There was none of the mild excitement which gripped the Supreme Soviet this time last year, when the 1,500 deputies not only raised their hands in automatic approval of party resolutions but also studied the Pravda text of the new leader's first speech and stared at him sitting on the platform.

Further along in the front row were Mr Konstantin Chernenko, Mr Andropov's white-haired but vigorous rival, and two more symbols of continuity: Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, and Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister.

Staff, walked about the hall in uniform, gripping deputies' elbows and holding deep discussions, possibly on President Reagan's anxieties about "belligerent statements" by "top Soviet military leaders".

Summing up begins in Simonstown spy trial

The Judge-President of the Cape, Mr Justice G. G. A. Munik, yesterday began delivery "in camera" of his judgment in the Cape Supreme Court in one of South Africa's most sensational spy trials. His verdict is expected today.

Museum doubles its space

New York (NYT) - The Museum of Modern Art will close next Wednesday for four months to complete the \$55m (£36m) expansion and renovation project that began in the autumn of 1980.

Talbot workers asked to end sit-in

Talbot, the French car company, yesterday asked unions and workers to obey a court order ending a sit-in at the giant plant at Poissy, near Paris. Up to 500 workers, more than half of them foreign-born, have been occupying the plant since before Christmas to protest against company plans to make about 2,000 workers redundant.

Bangladesh polling suspended after riots

Dhaka (Reuters) - Voting in at least 17 rural election centres across Bangladesh has been suspended after at least 150 people were injured in clashes between supporters of rival candidates.

Hard labour for Estonians

Stockholm - Ten Estonians have been sentenced to between eight and 15 years' hard labour by the Tallin High Court, an exile organization in Stockholm said.

Liberian coup trial adjourned

Abidjan (Reuters) Nineteen people have appeared before a Monrovia military tribunal charged with high treason in connection with a plot to overthrow General Doe, the Liberian leader.

Seoul scandal

Seoul (Reuters) A former South Korean Cabinet minister found guilty of accepting bribes has been sentenced to seven years in jail and fined £70,000.

US meat ban

Washington (AFP) - The United States has barred imports of meat and chicken from 14 countries, including Mexico and France, because standards of checking are considered too lax.

Election delay

Colombo (Reuters) President Jayewardene has postponed parliamentary elections in northern and eastern Sri Lanka because of the unsettled security situation.

Court refusal

San Francisco (Reuters) - The California Supreme Court has refused to hear a plea from a woman suffering from cerebral palsy that she be allowed to starve herself to death.

Dates for Zhao

Peking (AFP) - China has announced the dates for Mr Zhao Ziyang's visit next month to North America. The Prime Minister will visit the United States from January 10 to 16, and Canada from January 17 to 23.

Polish congress

Warsaw (Reuters) The Polish Communist Party is to hold in March its first full-scale meeting since an emergency congress in 1981 at the height of the Solidarity challenge.

Boy accused

Nairobi (Reuters) - A five-year-old boy has appeared in court at Eldoret, western Kenya, accused of murdering another five-year-old, who died after being hit on the head with a blunt object.

Iran's economy under strain

Oil repairs ravages of war and ideology

"One pound and a half, one thousand rial, very cheap", said the Tehran shopkeeper, a rather despondent old man with a stall of cheap jewellery.

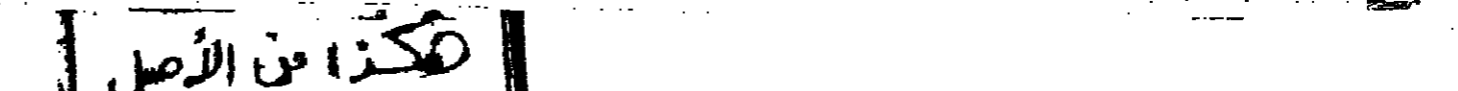
Basic foodstuffs are rationed and cheap but on the black market prices are erratic. For example, every family is entitled to 6 kilos (13lb) of rice per week at 190 rials per kilo (about £1.50). On the black market rice has sometimes reached 1,100 rials a kilo.

Gas blast and fire kills six in Buffalo

Aftermath: All that remained of a row of buildings after the gas explosion

Buffalo (Reuters, AP) - Six people died in a propane gas explosion in central Buffalo on Tuesday night. Five of the dead were firemen and the sixth was a civilian.

The explosion and fire destroyed 37 houses, two blocks of flats, a church, a warehouse and several businesses. Thirteen firemen and 47 local residents were injured.



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MANY TOOK PART. UNO TOOK FIRST.

This is not a normal advertisement in which a car manufacturer boasts about his products. A jury of 53 motoring journalists from 16 European countries, including 7 journalists from Britain, have just elected the Fiat Uno "Car of the Year 1984." The criteria on which the jury based its decision were: quality of design, comfort, safety, handling and road-holding, performance, practicality and sheer driving pleasure.

Uno with its unique combination of merits surpassed all of the fourteen other new cars launched in Europe during 1983.

The Car of the Year award is Europe's highest accolade; an important achievement for Uno and for Fiat, and recognition for the commitment of a company successfully working for the future.



FIAT UNO
CAR OF THE YEAR 1984



"Car of the Year" is organised by Telegraph Sunday Magazine, Quattroruote, Autovisie, L'Equipe, Stern and Vi Bäckare. For further information please contact Fiat Information Service, Dept. UCY, P.O. Box 151, London E15 2HF or phone 01-533 1312.

BOOKS

Paperbacks: Philip Howard, our Literary Editor, makes his year's choice

For those who like their nonsense nonsensical

Picking the paperbacks of the year is like standing under Niagara with a bucket trying to catch salmon...

Bentleys. For those who prefer to take such nonsense seriously a new series, Dent Everyman, has started reissuing such classic thrillers with Brian Corner by Dornford Yates (Dent, £2.50) and Bulldog Drummond (£2.50)...

Horace, the Complete Odes and Epodes by W. G. Shepherd and Betty Radice (Penguin, £1.95). For crime Zomba Books have started a new series, called Black Box Thrillers...



Clarendon: "one of Britain's greatest men"

Historic rectitude

Clarendon and the English Revolution

By R. W. Harris (Chatto & Windus, £30)

It is curious that considering the multitude of scholars who study every aspect of the Civil War in England, producing monographs on the struggle for Hull or cantankerous debates about the nature of Independency...

In exile he wrote the History wherein is displayed the true greatness of Clarendon: his astonishing capacity to take an even and magnanimous view of the men of his age...

John Plumb

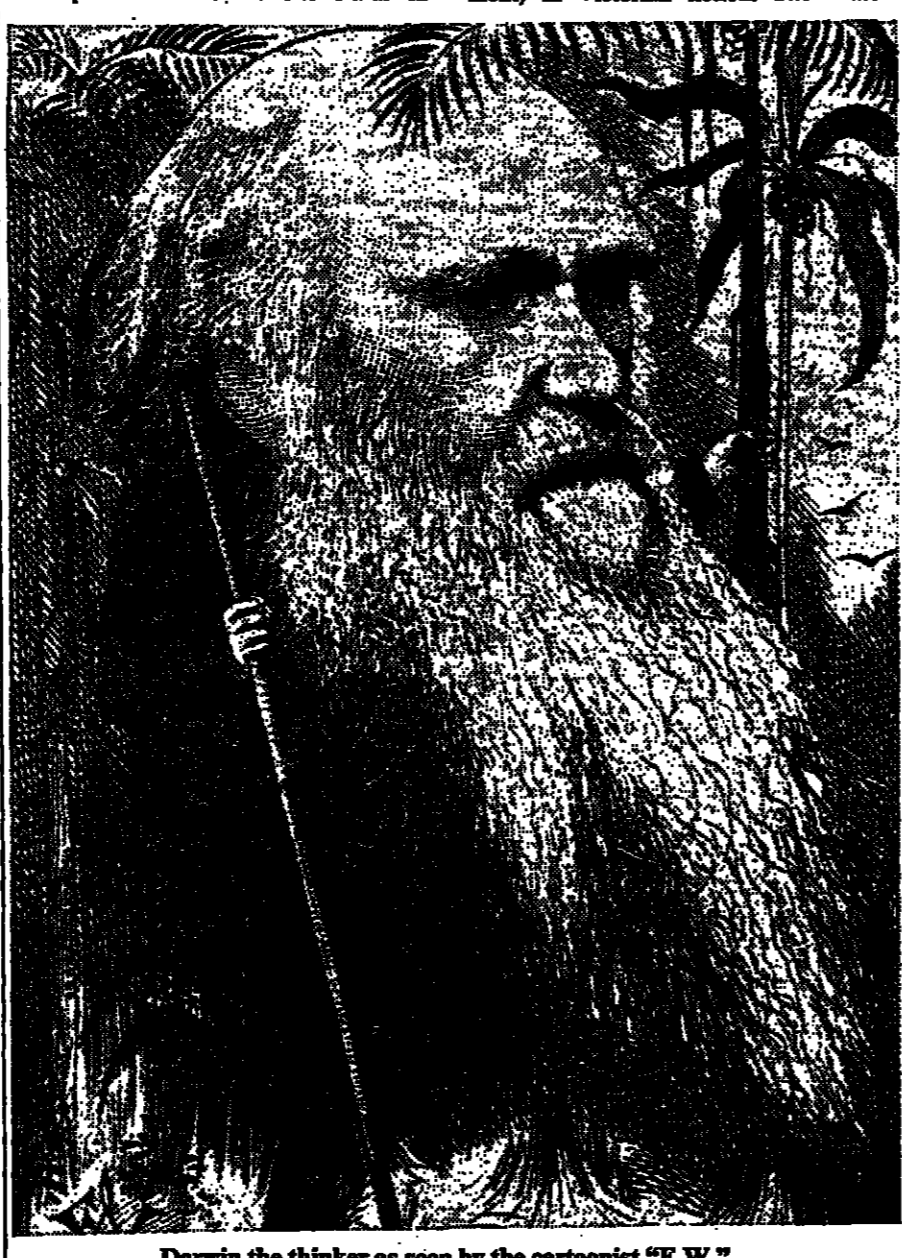
Facing up to the hazards of language

A world teeming with abundant images

Darwin's Plots

By Gillian Beer (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £17.95)

Some thinkers have so modified and constructed our ways of apprehending our world that we must discuss it in their terms, even if we have not read them...



Darwin the thinker as seen by the cartoonist "E.W."

Lucien Goldman defined great writing as a concrete presentation of beings and things which derived from a vision of life held in extreme coherence...

Writing home

Against the current

Selected Letters of E. M. Forster

Volume I: 1879-1920 Edited by Mary Lago and P. N. Furbank (Collins, £15.95)

This volume takes us from young "Poppy" Forster's first dictated note to his mother through to the black before Passage to India...

Majestic vistas

Survey of London

Volume XXI, Southern Kensington; Brompton Edited by F. H. W. Sheppard (Athlone Press for the GLC, £45)

Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, was surveyor to both Alexander and Smith's Charity Estates until his untimely death in 1845...

Crime: a final selection by H. R. F. Keating

Saints and sinners who keep to the point

Short days: short stories. And fine bundles of dark evening whiteaways to hand. Most of them fall into that slightly curious mode the crime short story seems to impose...

More reprints (and five originals) in John Creasey's Crime Collection 1983 edited by Herbert Harris (Gollancz, £7.95) and again mostly twist-in-the-tails, including the winner of the first Times/Veue Cliquet contest, Madeline Duke's "The Day It Rained in Singapore"...

Anyone mean enough to throw a party without Smirnoff will have fun throwing this streamer.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Duchess of Kent will present the British Forces Broadcasting Service sporting personality of the year award at the National Army Museum on February 2.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will visit the National Army Museum, on February 14.

The Duke of Kent will attend the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Engineering at St James's Palace on March 15.

Birthdays today: The Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, 70; Sir Richard Beaumont, 71; Mr Bernard Cribbins, 55; General Sir Robert Ford, 60; Mr H. Andrew White, 71; Professor L.C.B. Gower, 70; Mr S. M. Horbar, 49; Mr Gilbert Hunt, 69; Mr G. H. Newsom, 74; Dr Magnus Fyke, 75; Mr Harvey Smith, 45; Sir Edward Stratton Williams, 62; Mr Jon Voight, 45.

Latest wills: Rear-Admiral Sir Leopold Edward Rebbeck, of Ipsing, Midhurst, West Sussex, ADC to King George VI and to the Queen, left estate valued at £319,454 net.

Family triumph at bridge contest: The Harpers and Queen ladies' bridge championship, played at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on Tuesday, was won for the first time by a mother and daughter combination, Mrs J. Freddy and Miss K. Freddy, of Somerset, who finished 27 points ahead of internationalists, Mrs L. Fry and Mrs P. Murphy.

Latest appointments: Six new appointments to be Governor-General and Commander in Chief of Mauritius.



Humorous glimpses of an England past

The work of some of Britain's best loved illustrators of the past 180 years will be on show at an exhibition at the Chris Beetles gallery, Randolph Avenue, west London in February.

in his club who refuses a drink because he isn't thirsty, have become a style in themselves.

1976), who illustrated Winnie the Pooh and The Wind in the Willows.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S. T. Thistlethwaite and Miss H. C. H. North: The engagement is announced between Seymour Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Seymour Thistlethwaite, of Sheel, Mill House, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Harriet Cordelia Thistlethwaite, daughter of Sir Jonathan North, Bt, and Lady North, of Frogmore, West-on-under-Fenay, Herefordshire.

Mr L. D. Bellack and Miss A. E. Sole: The engagement is announced between Ian David, elder son of Mr and Mrs N. H. Bullock, of Barry, South Glamorgan, and Annie Barclay, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. L. Sole, of Glenbuchat, Aberdeenshire.

M. J. M. Deland and Miss N. M. A. O'Beirne: The engagement is announced between the son of M. André Deland and the late Mme Deland, of Grenoble, and Nicolelette, daughter of Mr C. B. O'Beirne, QC, and Mrs O'Beirne, of Ester, and the late Major A. A. Kidd, of Milton-under-Wychwood.

Mr J. D. Hawkins and Miss J. Oakley: The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hawkins, of South Ascot, Berkshire, and Sue, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Oakley, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr A. E. D. Windsor and Miss S. J. Hodgkiss: The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. G. Windsor, of Perrott House, Grafton, West Sussex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. L. Hodgkiss, of West Sussex, Grafton, West Sussex.

University news: Cambridge: Professor J. Heyman to be head of the department of engineering on December 12, in succession to the late Professor J. A. Sherriff.

Awards: The British Society for the Study of the History of the Book and the Book Trade has announced the winners of its 1983 award for the best book published in 1982.

'Throwaway mentality' blamed for the decay of churches

By John Young

Iconoclasm and indifference among all the Christian denominations in Britain are blamed in a new report by Save Britain's Heritage for the neglect and decay of hundreds of historic and beautiful churches.

Travel awards attract thousands of inquiries

By John Young

More than 1,000 people have applied to be "British cultural diplomats" overseas under a British Council award scheme.

£12,500 literary prize to be awarded in July

The United Kingdom's largest single literary prize, of £12,500, will be presented for the first time in July, the Society of Authors said yesterday.

of a romantic novel or other novel of a traditional rather than experimental nature.

Foil packs that could save five million children

By Tony Samstag

Diarrhoea infections kill five million children a year, reducing such microbial horrors as plague, smallpox or polio to less than the common cold by comparison.

essential but improve the efficacy of the treatment. Potassium, in any case, is found in many tropical fruits such as bananas, papaya, and green coconuts.

OBITUARY

DR DONALD CASKIE

Help for British wartime escapees

Dr Donald Caskie, OBE, Minister of the Scots Kirk in Paris for many years, who has died, helped many British servicemen in France in the Second World War to escape capture by the Germans.

A few hours before the Germans entered Paris in 1940 he made what turned out to be a hazardous attempt to get away, wearing a cycling and sheltering where he could, until he reached the Biscay coast.

When his activities were discovered by the authorities he was sent to a German prison in France. He was held in a cell in the prison at St Denis which was his final place of incarceration.

For his service he was made OBE in 1945 the University of Edinburgh made him an honorary DD.

The son of Neil Caskie, he was educated at Bowmore Higher Grade School, Islay, and at Dunoon Grammar School

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FRIEDRIKE von WEDELSTADT

Friedrike von Wedelstadt, who died in Berlin on December 24 at the age of 89, played a crucial role in restoring and strengthening ties between British and German musicians in the years after the war.

Within a few months of joining the staff of the British Centre (later Council) in Berlin in 1949, she had established a music club in its premises on the Lehmer Platz, which she continued to run until her retirement in 1969 at the age of 75.

The centre's ability to provide light and heat in the years of shortage after the war and the Soviet blockade, de gave the club a flying start, but it was Friedrike von Wedelstadt's gentle tenacity that made it a factor in the city's musical life.

Over the years a host of visiting artists found their way to Frau von Wedelstadt's large old-fashioned flat in the Kantstrasse. As a result her sole visit to England in 1966 became a triumphal progress, so many were the eminent musicians eager to entertain her.

She was appointed an hon MBE for her work.

MR BOB KETTLE

Mr Bob Kettle died in hospital in London yesterday only four days before he was to take up the post of president of the National Union of Railwaymen. He was 61 and had been ill for some weeks.

He submitted information when the union conference debated and accepted Mr Weighell's resignation after a row over the casting of the

COL SIR THOMAS MEYRICK

Colonel Sir Thomas Meyrick, third baronet, late 15th/19th Hussars, died on December 23 at the age of 84.

He was well-known in the hunting field and had been master of the Pembrokehire and other packs of hounds. In 1972 he was president of the Hunters Improvement Society. He succeeded his father as third baronet in 1932.

He was three times married and is succeeded by the eldest son of his first marriage, Mr David John Charlton Meyrick.

BRIG JOHN BOWERMAN

Brigadier John F. Bowerman, CBE died in December, 18 aged 80.

Having been commissioned with the Yorkshire Regiment in 1915, he served in the 1914-18 war before being transferred to the Duke of Connaught's Own Baluchis in 1918, following with active service in Afghanistan, Waziristan and NW Frontier until 1930.

In the Second World War he served as Chief Liaison Officer 6th Chinese Army, Inspector-General of the Frontier Force and Chinese American Forces.

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Advertisement for 'Today's Taste of Utopia December 25th' featuring a list of 100 items and a description of the product.

Advertisement for 'Science report' discussing foil packs that could save five million children from diarrhoea infections.

Advertisement for '£12,500 literary prize to be awarded in July' by the Society of Authors.

Advertisement for 'MR BOB KETTLE' and 'COL SIR THOMAS MEYRICK' providing biographical details.

Advertisement for '6,000 jobs boost for industry' and other news snippets.

THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Brave new world for investment trusts

Next year will be the year of the investment trust - provided that the movement can market itself better and attract overseas cash. During 1983 the FT-Actuaries Investment Trust index appreciated 38 per cent compared with an increase of 23.9 per cent in the FT-A All-Share index.

Third bidder for Eagle Star?

Shareholders confused by the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the rival bidding for Eagle Star by BAT Industries and Allianz Versicherungs might now give serious thought to the possibility that another bidder will emerge after tomorrow's deadline for bidding set by the Takeover Panel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

6,000 jobs boost for industry

The number of jobs in manufacturing industry rose in October for the first time since the recession began in mid-1979, according to figures published yesterday in the Department of Employment Gazette.

Battle over Theakston's heads for High Court

Battle for control of T and R Theakston, the Yorkshire brewer famed for its high strength Old Peculier beer, now seems likely to be decided in the High Court.

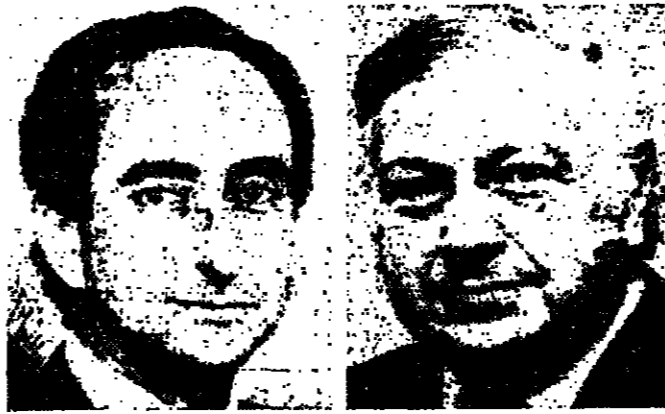
Talbot faces split from parent group

Armed riot police stood guard last night outside the strike-torn Talbot plant at Poissy, on the outskirts of Paris, as management, unions and workers planned their next moves in a bitter, long-running dispute.

Burton pays £3.5m for 93 Harry Fenton stores

By Jonathan Clare

The Burton Group has bought the 93-store Harry Fenton menswear chain, one of its main high street rivals, from Mr Murray Gordon's Combined English Stores.



Ralph Halpern (left) and Murray Gordon: quick deal

London and Liverpool chief quits

Mr Jeffrey Bonas has resigned as chief executive of London and Liverpool Trust, the troubled pub video and photocopying leasing company.

Inflation measures 'threaten recovery'

Recession is the inevitable consequence of policies to reduce inflation, and attempts to squeeze inflation further are likely to prove incompatible with continuing recovery, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development says in a study just published.

Logica in £2.18m US deal

Logica, the computer software house, yesterday announced its first takeover deal since it came to the stock market in October.

Stenhouse offer terms extended

Reed Stenhouse, which is bidding £53m for its Glasgow-based parent company, Stenhouse Holdings, yesterday extended its offer terms until January 11 and declared that they are final terms.

Pennzoil in \$1.6bn offer for Getty stake

New York, (NYT) - The Pennzoil company jumped into the family feud that has shaken the Getty Oil Company on Tuesday night by offering to buy 16 million shares of the West Coast oil producer for \$100 each.

Markets celebrate

As 1983 draws to a close, world stock markets continued to scale new heights. Yesterday, it was the turn of the Frankfurt Bourse which bettered its previous best, set 23 years ago, with a rise of 10.9 on the Commerzbank Index to 1,044.

CURRENCIES

STERLING \$1.4350 up 20pts Index 82.5 unchanged DM 3.55 unchanged FF 12.05 down 0.0050 Yen 355 unchanged Dollar Index 130.1 down 0.2 DM 2.7526 down 0.0039 NEW YORK LATEST Sterling \$1.4365 Dollar DM 2.7500 INTERNATIONAL SDR0.571602 SDR/nt available

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): an \$379.10 m \$378 close \$377.50-\$378.25 (\$263-\$263.50) New York latest \$379 Sovereigns (new): \$89.90 (\$82-\$82.75) Excludes VAT

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks remained lower in moderate early trading yesterday with about 41 million shares traded.

Base Lending Rates

Table with 2 columns: Bank Name and Rate. Includes ABN Bank, Barclays, BCI, Citibank Savings, Consolidated Crds, Continental Trust, C. Home & Co, Lloyds Bank, Midland Bank, Nat Westminster, TSB, Williams & Glyn's.

Investors take a break

It has been a bumper year in the equity market, so investors decided to rest on their laurels yesterday and enjoy the extended Christmas and New Year break.

The FT Index closed 0.6 up at 775.6 - just 0.6 short of the record high, achieved last week - and around 30 per cent up on the closing index of 598.9 set on January 4, this year.

Much of the improved sentiment stemmed from Wall Street's overnight 13-point improvement, although turnover was pitifully low with stock shortages responsible for many of the price rises.

Leading shares again attracted what interest remained with US enthusiasm responsible for a 10p lead in BTR at 429p, while Distillers added 2p to 238p on Saturday's article in The Times suggesting that a mystery buyer had picked up about 4 per cent of the shares.

Mr Jimmy Gulliver of Argyl Group tipped as a possible bid candidate said "I do not own a single share in Distillers."

On the oil spot market in Rotterdam prices rose 50 cents above the official Opec levels

giving some long awaited support for oil shares. BP stood up with 6p rise to 401p, while British added 2p to 195p, Clyde

the pound making further improvements against the dollar on the foreign exchange where it closed 55 points up at \$1.4350. In longs the rises extended to 50p by the close, but at the shorter end dealers reported nervous selling after hours resulting falls of up to £1/16.

Over on the Unlisted Securities Market shares of Federated Housing were unchanged at 50p after reaching agreement with the Crouch Group to develop the bulk of the residential development interests owned by Crouch.

The 16-month agreement is worth £4.6m to cash which will receive to cash in instalments with the balance due in 1985. The deal is expected to greatly boost Federated's present operation. In return The Meyer family, which control Federated has agreed to sell Crouch 1.8 million shares in the

company amounting to 20 per cent. This reduces the Meyer stake from 55 per cent to 43.8 per cent.

The board of Electronic Machine Rentals is worried by the recent surge in the share price. Yesterday it issued a statement stating it knows of no reason for the rise. The shares added 6p to 78p.

Hales Properties, the Birmingham-based property development dealing company, is in takeover talks. The group's

share price leapt 20 per cent to 100p after it announced it was in talks with a mystery suitor. At this level the group is valued at £2.8m. The Wesleyan & General Assurance has a 25 per cent stake.

Refuge Assurance has increased its stake in Leopold Joseph, the exclusive merchant bank which is 26 per cent owned by two German banks, from 8.75 per cent to 10.65 per cent.

A spokesman for Refuge said there was no particular significance in the increased shareholding. "We think that merchant banks, generally, are a good investment at present, given the changes that are going on in the City. Leopold Joseph has been left behind in the recent run up of the sector", he said.

Shares of Leopold Joseph closed unchanged at 308p. Epicure Holdings, headed by Mr Reg Brealey, chairman of Sheffield United Football Club, has increased its stake in The London Pavilion by picking up 3,600 shares amounting to 6.6 per cent of the equity. Epicure closed steady at 364p.

THE TIMES 1000 1983/84 The World's Top Companies Full statistical details and addresses: UK, Europe, USA, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, Singapore, etc.

RECENT ISSUES: Annual Report 1983 Oct (115), Cable & Wireless 30 Oct (132), etc.

BRITISH FUNDS: British Bond, British Equity, British Growth, etc.

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN: Australia, Canada, France, Germany, etc.

DOLLAR STOCKS: American Express, Coca-Cola, IBM, etc.

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS: Allied Irish, Bank of America, etc.

BREWERS AND DISTILLERS: Allied-Lions, Bass, etc.

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL: A-B, ABC, ABC, etc.

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

Table showing Sterling Spot and Forward rates for various locations like New York, London, etc.

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was unchanged at 82.5.

Money Market Rates

Table showing Money Market Rates for various banks and currencies.

Other Markets

Table showing Other Markets including Australia, Canada, etc.

Dollar Spot Rates

Table showing Dollar Spot Rates for various countries.

Euro-\$ Deposits

Table showing Euro-\$ Deposits for various banks and terms.

Gold

Table showing Gold prices and related information.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Table showing Financial Trusts including various investment companies.

INSURANCE

Table showing Insurance companies and their shares.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table showing Investment Trusts and their performance.

PLANTATIONS

Table showing Plantations and their shares.

MISCELLANEOUS

Table showing Miscellaneous shares and companies.

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APPOINTMENTS

New Year change at Fisons

Fisons: Mr J. S. Kerridge has been appointed deputy chairman and chairman-designate...

Mr Alan K. Batterbury has been promoted to director of sales and marketing...

Mr R. T. Edleston, Mr D. A. Platts and Mr E. N. Langley will join the partnership in January...

Mr John G. Adams has joined the board. The Scottish National Trust...

Mr David J. and Mrs J. A. Gardiner. Mr David Pirrie, a general manager...

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Marketing and Advertising: Torin Douglas Airports Authority prepares to unfold its wings

The definition of an airport as a shopping centre with parking for aeroplanes is acquiring a fresh meaning...

The BAA has embarked on a big expansion on its retail side. It will be formalizing this in the New Year...

Mr Blacher assumed the new post of commercial development director this year after 19 years marketing for Carreras, Rothmans and Thomas Cook...

Mr Blacher says: "There is a huge potential for such promotional activity. How many other retailers have their non-buyers sitting outside the shop for half an hour at a time, waiting to be addressed?"

There is another, less obvious, opportunity for promotions which will be introduced in the New Year. One of the problems the BAA has is maintaining a high quality of staff in its concessionary outlets...

Every other area of commercial activity is being studied. Better quality catering - with a wider choice of places to eat - is being introduced...

The threat is still some way off. But it gives another reason why the BAA should be developing the entire range of its commercial activities...

Mr Blacher says: "The potential is enormous, and not just in duty free, which is what most people think of as the airports' commercial area..."

Our research shows that hotel reservations are made by fewer than half of one per cent of all passengers arriving at our airports...

Some people say that the problem is the inconvenience and weight of the bottles; so the duty-free operations remain the airports' biggest money-spinner...

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BRITISH AIRWAYS TURNOVER

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1982, 1981/82. Includes Traffic Income, Commercial Income, and Miscellaneous Income.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Table listing prices for RUBBER, COFFEE, COCOA, and various oils.

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Table listing prices for COPPER, ALUMINIUM, and ZINC.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

Table listing prices for Gold and Silver.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL

Table listing prices for various international financial instruments.

Bishop's improves

Bishop's Group, the supermarket and wholesaling group which is the subject of a bid from Booker McConnell...

RTD cuts its losses

RTD Group, the Dublin-based generator manufacturer, yesterday announced that its recent history of losses continued into the first half of this year...

WALL STREET

Large table listing various Wall Street stock prices and market data.

Large table titled 'Authorized Units & Insurance Funds' containing numerous columns of financial data for various funds.

CRICKET

Pressure on umpires as England face a barrage of bouncers

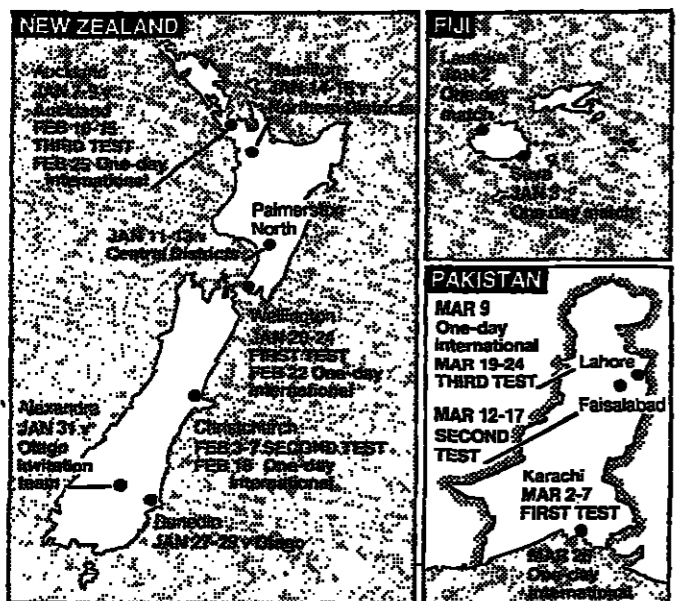
By Derek Hodgson

Only umpires will now regulate the bowling of bowlers in cricket world-wide. England's attempts to impose a limited number per over have been postponed and the question of whether the bowling is intimidatory now reverts to the umpires, as specified in the laws.

The England players, who depart on their winter tour today, are in a difficult position for which they are responsible. The one-bouncer-per-over rule to which they have become accustomed in domestic cricket has, they believe, slowed their reflexes to such an extent that they have become a much easier target for the pace attacks of Australia and West Indies.

A firm definition of intimidatory bowling can be expected from England's senior umpires. But how will lesser officials cope with an incessant barrage of bouncers, especially those aimed at the batsman from round the wicket, tactics now being used by Malcolm Marshall in India?

How will England's batsman cope with Hadlee in New Zealand, where the umpires are reported to be often as green and uneven as the pitches? Or with Imran Khan in Pakistan - assuming the great player is fit to bowl fast - where the umpires are said to be rather less balanced and judicious than their Indian colleagues? One would have hoped that the world's authorities would have been seeking to reinforce a law that is difficult to administer rather than put extra pressure on the human eye and judgment.



England in 1985, would be Willis's most welcome legacy to his successor. If Dilley and Cowans can return from this tour as fully-fledged international fast bowlers and if Foster can enlarge and improve upon his already formidable virtues of line and bounce, then Willis's days as the lone ranger, like Alec Bedser before him, will be over.



The style is the man: Gavaskar, record Test century-maker

Gavaskar overtakes Bradman

Madras (Reuters) - Sunil Gavaskar completed one of the most memorable days of his illustrious cricket career when he overtook Sir Donald Bradman as the leading Test century-maker.

India, who started the shortened fourth day at 69 for four in reply to West Indies' total of 313, reached 262 for six and seem certain to force a draw.

Records of England tour party in Test matches

Table with columns: Batsman, First cap, M, I, NO, Runs, HS, Ave, 100, 50, Ct, St, Balls, Runs, Wkts, Ave, Best, 5w, 10wM.

Little master's huge tribute to the power of concentration

Sunil Gavaskar achieved in Madras yesterday perhaps the most coveted of all individual cricketing records. He scored his thirtieth Test century, one more than Sir Donald Bradman and a number which represents a degree of courage, skill and application that can only be marvelled at.

man, Bailey, Laker and Lock, he said "perhaps 175". At Headingley in 1930, England bowled to get him out. In Australia in 1958-59, they would have bowled to slow him down.

Yallop makes silk out of tatters

From Ian Brayshaw, Melbourne

A lot of water (and time) approximately 15,000 miles (and two years and a half) has flowed since the Edgbaston Test match of 1981.

At Birmingham during the 1981 Australian tour Kim Hughes felt it necessary to shield his partner, Graham Yallop, from the fast bowling of Bob Willis. At the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday Yallop had the major share of a record-breaking stand, with Hughes that went a long way towards making Australia's position safe after three days of this fourth Test against Pakistan.

The winning ways of Leicester's flirts

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Leicester were outweighed at the scrumline but Tessele, to credit, took all his own ball and gathered an additional heel from Dupont. The French hooker was also in some trouble with his lineout throwing. The tidying up of Colclough, his French-speaking colleague, and Leicester gathered a fruitful harvest from all their jumpers.



Special K: Underwood evades Bailey

Underwood, who scored, Davies kicked a penalty and Gargan scored his try, but Hare kicked two penalties to give his side a slim 14-13 advantage at half-time. Immediately after the interval Leicester went away. Youngs kicked an intelligent ball to the corner, the lineout was won and Cusworth dispatched Evans for his eighteenth try of the season.

SNOW REPORTS

Table with columns: Location, Depth (cm), State of snow, Weather, Wind, Visibility.

FOOTBALL

Bamber gives Coventry concern

Dave Bamber, the Coventry City forward underwent an operation yesterday in the hope of discovering the cause of a mysterious blood illness. He had surgery on a swelling of his shin, which is an early symptom of an attack.

Bamber's fellow forward, Terry Gibson, Coventry's leading scorer with 12 goals, also missed last night's league match at Nottingham Forest with an ankle injury. He will be out for two weeks.

Everton's problems are even worse having scored only 11 goals in the league this season and without a goal in any of their last three games. They have an injury crisis. The latest victims are Johnson and Heath with ankle injuries and Harper with a thigh problem.

Little joy for Britain

With the wind having eased to between 10 and 15 knots, and easing towards the east, the 11 boats competing in the Sydney to Hobart race were having a more comfortable passage across the Tas Strait yesterday, than the rough conditions they had experienced in the last 36 hours of the race.

TENNIS

Sixth seed goes out

Sarah Longbottom, the sixth seed, was yesterday defeated 6-7, 6-6, 6-3 by Clare Wood, of Sussex, in a match which stretched to three hours and 10 minutes.

John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent

Miss Wood had to do something to make amends for a first set in which she slipped a ball and then lost 19 in the tie-break.

FOR THE RECORD

SPEED SKATING ALMA-ATY: Soviet skater sets 10.000 metres world record. The performance of A Babrov in the men's 1500 metres at Tuesday's meeting was not a world record but a national record.

مكتبة من الأصيل

David Miller looks back on year of surprises over land and sea

When beauty triumphed over the beast



Kapil Dev with the cup of surprises after beating West Indies at Lord's, and (below) Alan Bond with the cup awarded after Australia's 11th victory in the America's Cup.



Alan Bond with the cup awarded after Australia's 11th victory in the America's Cup.

My father would strongly have urged Mrs Worthington not to put her son on the sporting stage...

It was offered a good year in 1983, even if the South African controversy wove its Machiavellian path across political and social tenets...

Yet, leaving aside whether sports persons are being activated by adventure or money, curiosity or drugs...

track, the four times world judo champion Yamashita, the best footballer of Juventus and Platini...

Among the latter were the double middle distance triumph over Eastern Europeans by injury-prone Mary Decker...

Such is the ice dance perfection of Torvill and Dean that they almost qualify as an individual. Their performance to the music from Baroque in retaining their world title...

If Hagler's predictable distraction of Tony Sibson was as ferocious as the snowstorm which swept across New England...

Brighton should have won with almost the last kick of the Cup Final, but Manchester United ran away with the trophy...

England played 20 matches at Under 16 Youth Under 21 and senior levels, losing only once...

The New Zealanders lobbied for a World Cup, which would do for alleged amateurism what Stenmark has done for skiing...

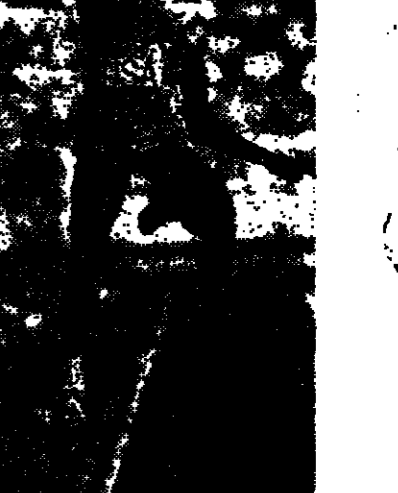
The championships were a mixture of exhilaration and caution, many runners manoeuvring for medals which would subsequently bring the big commercial and appearance money...

Yorkshire County Cricket Club sacked Boycott, but he would not go away. Nobody else wanted him, other than a suburban and large section of his club...

It is a pity that the incident between a railway clerk and Croft the West Indian cricketer, should have been avidly oversimplified as the definitive condemnation of South Africa...

Of course, political movement in the opposite direction is equally active. The United Nations anti-apartheid lobby intends to make things increasingly difficult for motor racing, golf, horse racing, tennis, snooker, badminton, and that was far from the mind when Lendl, who has been offered substantial white South African money...

Jo Durie steadily improved; let us hope she has more to come. Even if Chris Lewis and Ndaka Odior of Nigeria (defeating Vilas) do not we shall remember from Wimbledon.



Carl Lewis, a legend in his making, long-jumping to victory at Helsinki, while (below) Mary Decker, often plagued by injury, takes the lead in style at the same meeting.

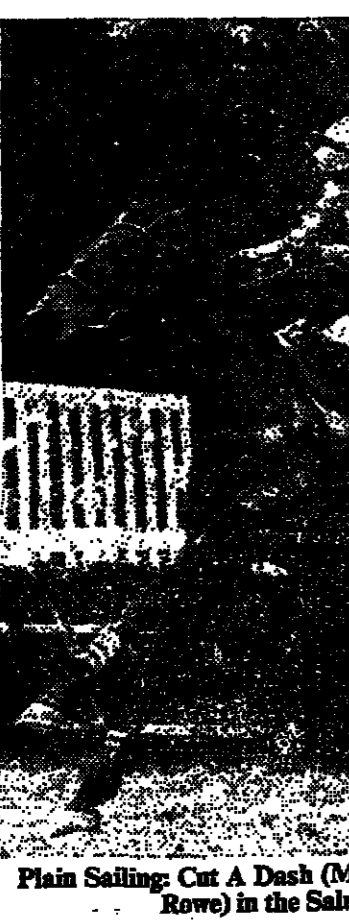


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Cut A Dash sparks a double for the queen of Fontwell

Dina Smith, the queen of Fontwell Park, returned here in triumph yesterday, having temporarily abdicated to produce her most-prized winner yet...

The horse has been ready to race for some time this season, but his trainer has been waiting for the right ground. Her patience was well rewarded when Cut a Dash - of whom Willie Carson apparently once said "he can not gallop"...



Plain Sailing: Cut A Dash (Mark Harrington) jumps the last clear of Berina (Richard Rowe) in the Salmon Spray Hurdle (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Improving Four Plus lives up to his name

Four plus, successful in his four previous starts over hurdles, lived up to his name at Leopardstown yesterday when he extended his winning sequence to five with a clear-cut victory in the Black and White Whisky Handicap Hurdle...

The star attraction, though, will be the reappearance in the Joe Donnelly flat race of Snow Fox, rated by many good judges as the outstanding National Hunt prospect in Ireland.



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Stratford-upon-Avon

Going: Good to soft. 1.0 AULD LANG SYNE HURDLE (Div I; novices: 2590; 2m) (10 runners)...

2.0 J. H. ROWE CHASE (Handicap: 22,267; 3m 2f) (8)...

3.0 DARK STRANGERS CHASE (Novices' handicap: 21,332; 2m) (8)...

3.30 AULD LANG SYNE HURDLE (Div I; novices: 2590; 2m) (13)...

1.0 Highland Clipper, 1.30 Riva de Good, 2.0 Barrier Reef, 2.30 Royal Merc, 3.0 Crowning Moment, 3.30 Norfolk Reelin.

Fontwell results. Going: Good. 1.0 YORNTOWN CHASE (Selling handicap: 17,250; 2m 110y)...

Winners on course for Aintree

Rupertino and Magic Tipp looked the favourites in the 1984 Grand National line-up by winning yesterday's handicap chases at Warwick and Newcastle respectively...

John Blundell, the Grimsby trainer, said: "I will run Magic Tipp in the National trial at Market Rasen on Saturday. If he wins there, he will be my first National runner."

Victory went to Albert, ridden by Graham Bradley, who won by six lengths from Keycorn. Deays County, ridden by Alan Henderson, was saddling his twentieth winner this season from just 18 horses and said: "I do not think Albert is a champion horse. He has a lot to learn yet."

Stratford selections. By John Carter. 1.0 Highland Clipper, 1.30 Riva de Good, 2.0 Barrier Reef, 2.30 Royal Merc, 3.0 Crowning Moment, 3.30 Norfolk Reelin.

Plumpton selections. By John Carter. 1.245 Army Council, 1.15 Greatest Hits, 1.45 Saunders, 2.15 Ikoji Sunset, 2.45 Dash Street Kid, 3.15 Vokdral.

Warwick. Going: Soft. 1.0 BOB CRATCHY HURDLE (Div I; Novices: 2590; 2m)...

Plumpton

Going: good. 1.245 HEATHFIELD HURDLE (Div. I; novices: 2590; 2m) (15 runners)...

1.15 ARDINGLY HURDLE (Selling; handicap: 27,13; 2m) (16)...

1.45 DEREK HAMBING CHASE (Handicap: 22,880; 3m 1f) (10)...

2.15 HEATHFIELD HURDLE (Div. I; novices: 2590; 2m) (17)...

2.45 RINGER CHASE (Handicap; conditional jockeys: 2500; 2m) (7)...

3.15 LADBROKE HURDLE (Handicap: 22,820; 2m) (16)...

Newcastle

Going: Soft. 1.0 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div I; 2-y-o: 2724; 2m 120y)...

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Australia's success gives Frasier his greatest day

Melbourne, (Reuter) - Australia won the Davis Cup for the twenty-fifth time yesterday with a crushing performance of power, speed and accuracy from Pat Cash...



Cash: a player who showed his talent

Fraser, the Australian captain, says his team was the world's top junior player who was the world's top junior player...

Basketball Perilous draw for English clubs

English clubs have contested the final of the World Invitation Club championships, but there is a danger that by the time the first round of the seventh Philippines-sponsored event is completed at Crystal Palace tonight...

PERSONAL COLUMNS DEATHS

STEBBINGS In her sleep on December 22nd, Margaret Stebbings, aged 60, daughter of the late Mr. J. Stebbings...

GOLF Prize-money totals £3.5m for 1984

Record prize-money of £400,000 will be on offer in the 1984 Open Championship during which Europe's professional golfers will be trying to pick up large slices of the total of £3.5m on offer.

JANUARY 23-26: Nigerian Open, Lagos MARCH 1-4: Ford Wagon, Newmarket 8-11: Kanto Open, Hanyu...

DEATHS

ALEC SMITH - On December 23, 1983, at the Nurford Hospital, Huddersfield, aged 67...

DEATHS

MELVILLE - In the early hours of the morning on December 28th, Alan Melville, aged 68...

International Personnel Secretary c.£9,000 An American company, based in S.W. London is seeking a secretary for the International Personnel Director...

VIEW ON THE PARK The two young directors of a shipping company need a secretary who really wants to be involved in the running of this small friendly company...

MEMORIAL SERVICES WEST A Memorial Service for Mr. Kenneth West, 71, who died on December 28, 1983...

The Old Course Golf, Country Club & Hotel St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR £10 million has recently been spent to upgrade the Old Course Golf...

NEW YEAR IN MALAGA £79 FLIGHT ONLY Dec 30 - Jan 6 6 1 Geneva 30 Palma 658 Zurich 209 Barcelona 578...

APPOINTMENTS KEEP FIT ASSOCIATION Invites applications for the post of National Secretary to be responsible for the administration of the Headquarters of the Association...

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS LOW COST FLIGHTS NATIONAL AIR SERVICES LISBON, LONDON, PARIS, ROME, MADRID, BARCELONA...

ARABIC SPORT Arabic language magazine requires a writer to provide reports on Arabic sports matters. Apply Box No. 1283L

BIRTHS

BURNS GRAHAM - On Christmas Day, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Graham Burns...

DEATHS

BEVON December 28, 1983, Thomas Bevon, aged 72, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. Bevon...

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BIRTHDAYS FRANK FLORA CONSTANCE Doreen Rosemary born Sunday December 28th. Love Mum and Dad

DEATHS COCKIN - On Christmas Day, peace-loving, kind, gentle, and generous...

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Policeman's widow speaks of dangers

Continued from page 1
forced down a basement and we had to stay there for two hours. But of the Harrods bombers, she said: "I do not think I could forgive them. I'd feel very little about them."



Sales security: Regent Street (left), police in Oxford Street (top) and a bag check at Debenhams. (Photographs: Suresh Karadia)

By Robin Young

The West End was quiet yesterday, compared with the packed shopping centres at Croydon, Romford and Brent Cross.

"Our stores in Sutton, Croydon, Camberley, Eltham and Chatham, and Ardning and Hobbs in Clapham, are all reporting very brisk business and record sales. We expect overall that our first day of sale trade is going to be at least a quarter more than last year."

Liberty announced yesterday that it would hold a special "half of sale price sale" on January 2, "to say 'thank you' to loyal customers who have supported us so well."

cooperation in not driving to central London and extra vigilance. The Automobile Association reported that motorists caused problems in many other congested city centres by parking illegally when car parks were filled. Congestion was worst in Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events
Last chance to see Max Ernst's exhibition Histoire Naturelle, MacLaurin Art Gallery, Rosalee Park, Argy Monday to Saturday, 11 to 5 (ends today).

Image - last of a series of three exhibitions sponsored by the Arts Council, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield: Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 29).

Historical books
The Literary Editor's selection of historical books published during the year: A History of the Modern World, from 1917 to the 1980s, by Paul Johnson.

Weather forecast
A vigorous trough will move from the Atlantic across Northern areas. A mild, westerly flow will persist in S.

High tides
London Bridge 6:18 AM, 6:32 AM, 6:45 AM, 6:58 AM.
Avermouth 7:22 AM, 7:34 AM, 7:46 AM, 7:58 AM.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,321
ACROSS
1 Disinclined to confirm the directions (6).

Old Father Time
Inquirers for details of beacons, firework displays and torchlight processions organized for their areas to welcome the New Year, under the auspices of the "Old Father Time" project, are now being referred to: 061 833 9524.

Anniversaries
Birth: Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the USA, 1865-69; Raleigh, North Carolina, 1808; William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister, 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886, 1892-94; Liverpool, 1809; Pablo Casals, Violinist, Spanish, 1876.

Lighting-up time
London: 4.29 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh: 4.16 pm to 6.14 am
Manchester: 4.26 pm to 7.26 am
Penzance: 4.57 pm to 7.51 am

Around Britain
Sun Rise: 8:06 am, Moon set: 8:59 pm
New Moon: January 2

DOWN
1 Tom falls off the raft on the ascending flower (8).

New look stars
Rail express services will offer a simplified tariff for Red Star and Night Star parcels from January 1 when distance charges are abolished.

The pound
Bank Rate: 10.00
Bank of England: 10.00
Austria Sch: 29.00
Belgium Fr: 84.25

Highest and lowest
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Tynewydd 14C
Lowest day temp: West 8C (40F), highest sunrise: Eton 6.49h.

Abroad
Ajaccio 15 08, Capri 15 08, G. F. 15 08, London 15 08, Paris 15 08, Rome 15 08, etc.

Solution of Puzzle No 16,320
A 10x10 crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters.

Vertical advertisements on the right edge of the page, including "Deafness risk", "China's success", and "Boycott app".